

## For The Church



There are many choices in life, in fact, we make many choices every day. We first must make the choice to get out of bed. Next, will we use the restroom, get a drink, or maybe both. Will we shower, and if we shower, will we wash our hair? What will I wear today? When do I need to leave the house to arrive to work/school on-time? Will I eat breakfast and if so, what will I eat? Do I need to pack a lunch today? Have the pets been fed and do they have clean water? Are my kids out of bed and getting ready for their day? What activities are on the family calendar for tonight? If my kids have different activities which ones will I attend and which will I have to skip?

All these questions are asked and usually answered before we even leave the house in the morning – and that’s just the beginning. Those don’t even include the big questions in life like – where will I live, what job will I do, who will I marry, will I have kids, will I have more kids, and so many more.

We are quite practiced at making choices because we get to partake in choice making on the daily basis, but there one choice that is more important than any other choice that each person must make for themselves. And that choice is – am I going to follow God or I am going to turn away from God. Choosing to follow God, on your own, is the single most important decision that any human will ever have.

At the end of the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus gives the Pharisees a choice – will you swallow your pride and enter the feast of the lamb or not – the choice is yours.

## In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt  
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)  
Tim Taylor  
Linda Fry  
Pam Aldrich  
Vance Wendelburg  
Dennis Rosenbaum  
Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee  
Margarita Kent (Lupe’s Sister)  
Danielle Harmon  
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)  
Enrique Lira  
Ethan Lanterman  
Linda Guthrie  
Rory Russell

Kathy Russell  
Pam, Leanne, Barbara  
Joseph Morien (Jessica’s dad)  
Saul Moncada  
Cella Lemberger (Jessica’s Aunt)  
Rachel Spare

# Upcoming Events

## Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl and Janet's house.

## Wednesday Night Bible Hour and Ladies Bible Class [Wednesday]

Wednesday Night Bible hour will be held Wednesday starting at 6 PM. Ladies Bible Class will be held Wednesday beginning at 9:30 AM at the church building.

## Potluck [Today]

Please join us immediately following services today for our monthly potluck fellowship meal. We will let our 4H visitors go through the line first today so they can get to their meeting at the Annex.

## Save the Date:

October 5-7 - SMC Men's Retreat

October 12 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

October 18 - SMC Fall Festival - 9:00-3:00

October 19 - Faith and Family Day - 3:00-8:00 (St. John Square)

November 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

November 14-16 - SMC Teen Retreat

# Birthdays

Paige Mansel - October 8

Chris Mansel - October 10

Hdley Long - October 11

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Dominic Rogers

Gathering: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Stott (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #15 - Step by Step

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Communion: Tom Turner (Jerry Kinnamon, Darrel Willinger, Darrel Bauer)

Song: #376 - He Paid a Debt

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #922 - Jesus Paid it All

Closing Prayer: JW Like



Giving Link

**Sundays:** Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am  
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am  
**Elders:** Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril  
**Deacons:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks  
**Minister:** Zeborah Carter